



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 2, 2003

H.R. 733 **McLoughlin House Addition to Fort Vancouver** **National Historic Site Act**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
on May 21, 2003*

H.R. 733 would authorize the National Park Service (NPS) to acquire the McLoughlin House National Historic Site (NHS) in Oregon by purchase, donation, or exchange. The site, which consists of two historic houses, is currently owned and operated by a nonprofit organization. Upon acquisition, the site would be administered by the NPS as part of the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.

Based on information provided by the NPS and by the McLoughlin Memorial Association, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 733 would cost about \$3 million over the next five years, assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. We estimate that about \$500,000 of this amount would be used to purchase the two buildings during the next year or two, and that about \$1 million would be spent to repair and restore them over the following few years. We estimate that the cost of operating the site as part of the Fort Vancouver NHS would be about \$300,000 annually beginning in 2004 or 2005, also assuming appropriation of the necessary amounts. Finally, CBO estimates that an additional \$2 million would be spent after 2008 for further renovation and development. Enacting H.R. 733 would not affect direct spending or revenues.

This legislation contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

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